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**RE: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DEPLOYING  
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Serial No.: 09/612,810  
Filed: July 10, 2000  
Our Reference No.: BIT-12**

**Dear Examiner Addie:**

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of this afternoon, enclosed is a copy of the Appeal Brief and supporting documents filed in the subject application on November 20, 2002. A copy of the postcard receipt stamped November 21, 2002 is also enclosed.

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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 84	202 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 280	204 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 84	209 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 400	216 200	Extension for reply within second month	
117 920	217 460	Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,440	218 720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,960	228 980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 320	219 160	Notice of Appeal	
120 320	220 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	160.00
121 280	221 140	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,280	241 640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,280	242 640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 460	243 230	Design issue fee	
144 620	244 310	Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
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149 740	249 370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
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169 900	169 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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